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whom he attended in his last hours; and Judge Christian was a gallant officer in that immortal army that so long carried the fortunes of the Confederacy on its bayonets.

Statements from them are words of truth and soberness, and carry conviction in their utterance; yet they have not failed to verify them by the official records.

It would be most appropriate for the "Sons" and "Daughters of the Confederacy" to constitute themselves general agents for the wide distribution of this book.

W. W. Scott.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF OCTOGENARIAN. By Robert Enoch Withers, M. D.; Colonel 18th Regiment Virginia Infantry C. S. A; Editor Lynchburg Daily News; Lieutenant Governor of Virginia; Senator of the United States; Member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institute; Consul of the United States at Hong-Kong; Past Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States, etc, etc, 1907. The Stone Printing & M'f'g Co. Press, Roanoke, Virginia, pp. 550, with portrait.

MEMORIES OF THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN. By Richard McIlwaine, D. D., LL. D. [President of Hampden-Sidney College, Va.] Illustrated. New York and Washington. The Neale Publishing Company, 1908, pp. xiv, 382, with index.

THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF ROBERT LEWIS DABNEY. By Thomas Cary Johnson, Richmond, Va. The Presbyterian Committee of Publication [1903] pp. xvi, 585, with index. Illustrated.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A LIFE TIME. By John Goode of Virginia. New York and Washington. The Neale Publishing Company, 1906, pp. x, 266, with portrait.

THE PUBLIC LIFE AND DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE OF JAMES M. MASON. WITH SOME PERSONAL HISTORY. By His Daughter. 1903. The Stone Printing & M'f'g Co., Roanoke, Va., pp., ix, 603.

LIFE AND LETTERS OF JOHN ALBERT BROADUS. By Archibald Thomas Robertson, Professor of the Interpretation of the New Testament in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "There is no life of a man faithfully recorded, but is a heroic poem"—Carlyle. Philadelphia. American Baptist Publication Society, 1901. Pp. xi, 462, with index and portrait.

FORTY YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE. Being Some History of the War between the Confederacy and the Union and of the Events Leading up to it, with Reminiscences of the Struggle and Accounts of the Author's Experiences of Four Years from Private to Lieutenant-Colonel and Acting Colonel of the Army of Northern Virginia. Also Much of the History of Virginia and the Nation in Which the

Author Took Part for Many Years in Political Conventions and the Hustings and as Lawyer, Member of the Legislature of Virginia, Judge, Member of the House of Representatives of the United States and Governor of Virginia. By Charles O'Ferrall. New York and Washington. The Neale Publishing Company. 1904. Pp. 365, with portrait.

These straightforward stories of honorable lives do not require elaborate analysis or criticism. Instead of attempting this in regard to any one of them, it is deemed that the space at our disposal would be better filled by giving our readers a group of Virginia biographies published in the last few years, and which have not been before noticed here. It is a list of names of pure and high minded men, who have in their respective walks of life deserved well of the State and have served it with distinction. The characters of the men and their careers were varied, and the merit of the lives is unequal, but there is no need for invidious comparisons here. The life stories were, in the main, worth telling, and all of the lives are worth reading. From the point of view of a historical society the amount of valuable material gathered in these works for the future historian is of especial interest. Withers, McIlwaine, Dabney, Goode, Mason, Broadus and O'Ferrall, during their distinguished careers, touched almost every phase of public and private life in Virginia, and what they tell of themselves, or is told of them, is bound to be worth knowing by those who wish to know Virginia during the last half of the Nineteenth Century.

THE HISTORY OF THE BOWLES FAMILY. Containing an Accurate Historical Lineage of the Bowles Family from the Norman Conquest to the Twentieth Century, with Historical and Genealogical Notes and Some Pedigrees of Bowles Families in Various Sections of the United States and Britain. Compiled and Published by Thomas M. Farquahar. Philadelphia, S. W. Corner 19th and Ellsworth Sts. 1907, pp. 255. Illustrated.

Among the American families of Bowles, this book gives considerable space to the names in Virginia.

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VIRGINIA. By Rev. Alfred Bagby, A. B., D. D. Illustrated. N. Y. & Washington. The Neale Publishing Company. 1908, pp. 402, with index.

The total destruction of the records of King and Queen county is, of course, a very great impediment in the way of any historical work in regard to the county, and Dr. Bagby's book has suffered on this account. It also shows lack of experience in historical and genealogical investigations. The author, however, has labored earnestly to do the best with his materials, and has collected much which will interest King and Queen people and their descendants. The successive chapters